

AN OUTLINE FOR STUDY IN NURSING HISTORY

A NUMBER of requests having been received from Alumnae Associations for outlines of study in nursing history, Miss Nutting begs to refer all such inquirers to this number of the JOURNAL, as press of work makes it impossible for either Miss Dock or herself to respond to each one in detail.

The Society of the Teresians, established in the Johns Hopkins Hospital to study nursing history, took something like this order of study: 1, Origin of Monasticism; 2, Early Sisterhoods in Europe; 3, Early Sisterhoods in America; 4, The Work of St. Vincent de Paul; 5, The Little Sisters of the Poor; 6, The Order of the Béguines; 7, The Hôtel-Dieu of Paris; 8, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London; 9, Foundling Hospital, Florence; 10, The Knights of St. John of Jerusalem; 11, The History of the Red Cross Movement, in Europe and America; 12, Kaisersworth; 13, John Howard; 14, Elizabeth Toy; 15, Miss Nightingale and Her Work; 16, The Beginnings of American Training Schools.

For useful literature on these subjects it is suggested that the topic under discussion be carried to the largest public library, and the interest of the librarian engaged for looking up references. One will lead to another, and useful books not in hand will often be bought by libraries at the request of readers.

For modern references the following are suggested:

- The Story of Florence Nightingale.....By W. J. Wintle.
 The Heroine of the Crimea.....London, The Sunday School Union.
 Florence Nightingale.....By Eliza F. Pollard, London.
 The Wounded Soldier's Friend.....S. W. Partridge, Paternoster Row.
 The Life of Florence Nightingale.....By Sarah Tooley.
 S. H. Bonsfield & Co., London. MacMillan, New York.
 In Notes on 'Nursing, published by William Carter, Boston, 1860.
 (Two Introductory Biographical Sketches.)
 Articles in Chambers' Encyclopædia; also Quain's Dictionary of Medicine.
 " " Great Women Series.....By Sarah Bolton.
 " " Notable Women.....By Ellen Clayton.
 " " Fights for the Flag.....By W. H. Fitchett.
 " " Great Men and Famous Women.....By Lizzie Alldridge.
 History of the Crimean War.....By Kingslake.
 Life of Agnes Jones.....By Her Sister.

In all these books references will be found which will guide the student to further sources of information.

For American history, a number of articles have appeared in THE

AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, from time to time, describing early reforms, and its files should be consulted. The early reports of the New York State Charities Aid Association, Dr. Carlisle's "History of Bellevue Hospital," and the early reports of the oldest training schools, are recommended.

These very brief suggestions, it is hoped, may be useful for the present. One feature of the forthcoming history of nursing will be a full bibliography of all the sources of nursing history.

"Now Christmas is come,
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And call all our neighbors together,
And when they appear,
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As will keep out the wind and the weather."

THE SKETCH BOOK.